

Welcome to Reception



at Ashford Church of England
Primary School.

Who's who in Reception



Mrs Forster
Reception teacher



Miss Richardson
Reception teacher



Mrs Weir
Reception teacher



Mrs Parsons
Teaching and learning assistant



Mrs Duguid
Teaching and learning assistant



Characteristics of Learning

Learning through Play

At this age it is still through play that children learn best.

A wide range of play activities will help to develop:

- Children's language
- Their thinking and understanding of the world

Children need to experience:

- Playing on their own and with other children
- Playing inside and outside
- Playing with toys and playing imaginatively



Developing key learning characteristics crucial to effective learning

Throughout Reception, the children are encouraged to develop effective skills critical to life-long learning.

These include:

- Playing and exploration skills
- Active learning (being instructed to 'have a go')
- Being creative and able to 'think critically'

Developing basic communication skills

Modelling key skills:

- Talking with your child and listening to what s/he has to say.
- Talking about the things you see and do during your daily routines
- Encouraging your child to mix with other children both at your home and in other locations.
- Playing simple games like I-spy, lotto, dominoes and jigsaw puzzles.
- **Teach your child to take turns, to share and to lose!**



Getting ready for School



Developing pre-learning skills

Encouraging your child to help with simple tasks:

- Sorting washing
- Pairing socks
- Laying the table

Looking and talking about their environment:

- Shop signs
- House numbers
- Colours of cars

Becoming independent:

- Being able to 'busy' themselves independently.

Developing early Literacy skills:

- Make pens, pencils, and paints available for your child to experiment with.
- Practice nursery rhymes as they help children learn about rhythm, rhyme and patterns of language.
- Listen to, sing and enjoy nursery rhymes and story tapes.



Getting ready for School

Practical ways of helping your child develop greater independence:

Ensuring your child is independent in the toilet and can flush and wash his/her hands.

Teaching your child to blow his/her own nose and dispose of or store the tissue.

Encouraging your child to put on and take off his/her coat, and manage the fastenings.

Practice changing for P.E.

If you choose packed lunches, have a practice before starting school. *(Check your child can open the box and wrappings and manage the drink.)*

If you choose school dinners, practice using a knife and fork.





Housekeeping.

Name everything!

Children to bring their book bag daily.

Every child should have a water bottle. No juice.